Jail as promised by them on the date and in the reply referred to above as sub-division (e);

(c) whether they will be pleased to inform the House the reforms effected by them in the Jail Administration in view of their replies referred to in (a) and (b) above?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(a) No.

(b) The question of starting a reading room was considered, but since there is a library attached to the Central Jail and the prisoners are making proper use of the same, it is not absolutely necessary to start a reading room at present.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

CENTRAL JAIL—HUNGER STRIKE IN

106. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there was recently a hunger strike in the Central Jail, Trichur;

(b) if so, what was the cause of the strike;

(c) the number of prisoners who went on strike and how was the matter ended?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(a) Yes.

(b) Following an alleged assault on a convict by a warder in the Jail, the warder was suspended. The strikers wanted the Superintendent to promise that the warder would not be re-instated. Though the Superintendent said that the matter would be enquired into and disposed of on its merits, they went on a hunger strike.

(c) 11 out of 490; the strike was given up on their own accord.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF FRESH CANDIDATES

107. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Staff Selection Board has appointed any applicant for a permanent post and confirmed him

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